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1988 MUNICIPAL & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
ACCOMPANYING NOTES FOR TABLES I & II

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TABLE I
Summary of Council Elections

1. Municipal Elections were held on October 15, 1988 in 63 municipal units. There were no elections in the towns of Bridgetown, Oxford, and Shelburne because the exact number of candidates or fewer than the number of candidates required to fill council seats went in by acclamation.

2. Overall, the average voter turn out (weighted) was 51%, one percent lower than in 1985 as shown below:

	1985 Voter Turn Out (Weighted Average)	1988 Voter Turn Out (Weighted Average)
CITIES	44%	44%
TOWNS	56%	60%
RURALS	53%	51%
OVERALL	52%	51%

3. In 1985 there were 610 positions to be filled by election. As a result of redistribution of seats in a number of areas, there are now 620 positions for 42 mayors, 284 urban councillors, and 294 rural councillors. Of the rural councillors, 24 were later selected as wardens.

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4. Of the 42 mayors, 17 (40%) were new, and 25 (60%) were incumbents. A total of 17 mayors (40%) won their seats by acclamations.

5. Of the 24 wardens, 11 (46%) were incumbents and 13 (54%) were new. A total of 11 wardens (46%) won their seats as councillors by acclamation.

6. The number of acclamations was distributed as follows:

	Total Acclamations	Percentage of Council Seats
CITIES	9	22%
TOWNS	58	20%
RURALS	115	39%
OVERALL	182	29%

7. Distribution of women councillors is as follows:

	New Women Councillors	Percentage of Council Seats	Total Women Councillors	Percentage of Council Seats
CITIES	1	2%	4	10%
TOWNS	20	7%	48	17%
RURALS	13	4%	44	15%
OVERALL	34	5%	96	15%

8. Distribution of new councillors is as follows:

	New Councillors	Percentage of Council Seats
CITIES	13	32%
TOWNS	105	37%
RURALS	90	31%
OVERALL	208	34%

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9. Distribution of women candidates was as follows:

	Total Candidates	Women Candidates	Percentage of Total
CITIES	78	8	10%
TOWNS	457	74	16%
RURALS	519	81	16%
OVERALL	1,054	163	15%

10. The ratio of candidates per seat was as follows:

	Total Candidates	Candidates Per Seat
CITIES	78	1.9
TOWNS	456	1.6
RURALS	519	1.8
OVERALL	1,053	1.7

11. Special elections were to be held respectively for one seat in Bridgetown, Clark's Harbour, Oxford, and Parrsboro. In each case, fewer than the required number of candidates had offered for election.

12. Special elections held between October 1985 and October 1988 were as follows:

	Total Special Elections	Percentage of Council Seats
CITIES	0	0%
TOWNS	22	8%
RURALS	14	5%
OVERALL	36	6%

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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

1. About one-third (34%) of councillors elected were new. This is consistent with the results in 1979, 1980, 1982, and 1985.

2. Overall, women represented 15% of candidates, and 15% of all councillors are women.

3. In all, 96 women were elected. This is a slight increase from 89 in 1985. With some adjustment for the change in council seats, this is an effective increase of about 7%.

4. The entire council in Mahone Bay is new. However, only incumbents were returned in the County of Antigonish, and the Towns of New Glasgow, New Waterford, Windsor, and Antigonish.

TABLE II

Summary of School Board Elections

1. School board elections are held on the same day as council elections, and these were on October 15, 1988.

2. There are 291 school board positions, and of these 97 (one-third) are for elected members. The remaining two-thirds are appointed one-third by the province and one-third by participating municipal units.

3. There were no nominations and consequently no elections for three of the 97 elected seats: one in Town of Antigonish and two in Clark's Harbour. These will be filled by the Minister of Education.

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4. Representation by elected women is as follows:

1988	Total Elected Women	As Percentage of Total Members	As Percentage of Elected Members
	52	18%	54%

This is about the same as in 1985:

1985	Total Elected Women	As Percentage of Total Members	As Percentage of Elected Members
	53	18%	55%

5. Acclamations were as follows:

1988 Total Acclamations	As Percentage of Elected Members
40	41%

Comparative figures for 1985 were

1985 Total Acclamations	As Percentage Elected Members
48	49%

6. There were 3 vacancies for elected members between October 1985 and October 1988.

7. Overall, the 1988 ratio of candidates per seat was 1.8. The comparative figure for 1985 was 1.6.

Shingai D. Nyajeka
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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 1988
QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY
TABLE I

MUNICIPAL UNIT	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS	PERCENT VOTER TURNOUT	ELECTORS ON FINAL LIST	ESTIMATE OF VOTERS	TOTAL ACCLAMATIONS	MAYOR	SPECIAL ELECTIONS SEATS AFTER 88 NOMINATIONS	SEATS BETWEEN 85-88	TOTAL WOMEN COUNCILLORS	NEW WOMEN COUNCILLORS	TOTAL NEW COUNCILLORS	TOTAL WOMEN CANDIDATES	TOTAL CANDIDATES
(Cities)													
DARTMOUTH	15	50%	43,808	21,685	2	FE	0	0	1	0	2	1	21
HALIFAX CITY	13	39%	78,828	30,585	4	FE	0	0	3	1	5	5	28
SYDNEY	13	50%	20,589	10,295	3	FA	0	0	0	0	6	2	29
Total	41	44%	143,225	62,565	9	-	0	0	4	1	13	8	78
(Towns)													
ANHERST	7	62%	7,234	4,487	0	NE	0	0	1	0	2	2	18
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL	7	60%	491	295	0	NE	0	3	2	0	2	4	10
ANTIGONISH	7	60%	3,208	1,925	1	FA	0	1	1	0	0	1	9
BEDFORD	7	50%	5,398	2,704	0	NE	0	0	2	2	5	2	13
BERWICK	7	51%	1,407	718	1	FA	0	0	0	0	2	1	10
BRIDGETOWN	7	NA	NA	NA	6	AN	1	1	1	0	1	1	6
BRIDGEWATER	7	56%	5,000	2,810	0	NE	0	0	2	1	3	2	10
CANSO	7	86%	907	778	1	FA	0	0	0	0	2	0	11
CLARK'S HARBOUR	7	46%	777	356	5	FE	1	0	1	0	0	1	7
DIGBY	7	54%	1,679	910	0	NE	0	1	1	1	6	2	11
DOMINION	7	87%	1,862	1,626	1	FA	0	0	1	0	1	2	10
GLACE BAY	13	77%	14,642	11,274	0	NE	0	0	2	2	6	5	36
HANTSPORT	7	44%	904	395	1	FA	0	1	0	0	3	0	11
KENTVILLE	7	57%	3,504	1,997	0	NE	0	0	2	1	6	2	10
LIVERPOOL	7	59%	2,181	1,291	0	FE	0	0	1	1	4	3	13
LOCKEPORT	7	73%	647	475	0	NE	0	1	2	1	2	3	13
LOUISBOURG	7	87%	950	827	0	NE	0	0	0	0	6	1	12
LUNENBURG	7	57%	2,156	1,233	1	FA	0	0	2	1	3	4	12
MAHONE BAY	7	69%	850	587	0	NE	0	0	2	2	7	4	17
MIDDLETON	7	47%	1,310	609	1	FA	0	1	1	0	1	2	9
MULGRAVE	7	83%	713	592	1	FA	0	3	1	0	3	1	9
NEW GLASGOW	7	29%	7,835	2,272	1	FA	0	0	2	0	0	2	8
NEW WATERFORD	9	66%	5,728	3,804	6	FE	0	0	2	0	0	2	13
NORTH SYDNEY	9	84%	6,450	5,418	0	NE	0	0	1	1	5	1	16
OXFORD	7	NA	NA	NA	6	FA	1	0	3	2	3	3	6
PARRSBORO	7	75%	1,142	857	5	FE	1	0	1	0	1	1	7
PICTOU	7	74%	2,967	2,184	0	NE	0	0	2	1	3	4	17
PORT HAWKESBURY	7	80%	2,437	1,950	2	FE	0	1	2	0	1	3	12
SHELBURNE	7	NA	NA	NA	7	FA	0	3	1	1	4	1	7
SPRINGHILL	7	73%	3,100	2,275	0	NE	0	0	0	0	3	1	12
STELLARTON	7	64%	3,764	2,409	4	NE	0	1	0	0	3	1	8
STEWIACKE	7	61%	876	534	1	FA	0	0	1	1	3	1	9
SYDNEY MINES	9	83%	5,507	4,549	0	FE	0	0	1	0	2	2	17
TRENTON	7	45%	2,111	950	1	FA	0	0	0	0	1	0	9
TRURO	7	18%	8,755	1,567	5	FA	0	1	1	0	1	1	8
WESTVILLE	7	82%	2,660	2,181	0	NE	0	1	2	1	3	2	12
WINDSOR	7	35%	2,610	921	1	FA	0	2	2	0	0	2	8
WOLFVILLE	7	52%	2,400	1,248	0	FE	0	1	2	1	4	2	15
YARMOUTH	7	56%	5,293	2,964	0	NE	0	0	0	0	3	2	16
Total	285	60%	119,455	71,971	58	-	4	22	48	20	105	74	457

MUNICIPAL UNIT	NUMBER OF COUN-CILLORS	PERCENT VOTER TURNOUT	ELECTORS ON FINAL LIST	ESTIMATE OF VOTERS	TOTAL ACCLA-MATIONS	WARDEN	SPECIAL SEATS AFTER 88 NOMINATIONS	ELECTIONS SEATS BETWEEN 85-88	TOTAL WOMEN COUN-CILLORS	NEW WOMEN COUN-CILLORS	TOTAL NEW COUN-CILLORS	TOTAL WOMEN CANDI-DATES	TOTAL CANDI-DATES
(Rurals)													
ANNAPOLIS	12	34%	13,000	4,420	3	FA	0	0	2	0	3	3	22
ANTIGONISH	10	65%	8,958	5,814	5	FA	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
ARGYLE	11	88%	6,435	5,631	4	AW	0	1	0	0	5	1	22
BARRINGTON	9	52%	4,968	2,588	1	NE	0	0	2	1	7	4	18
CAPE BRETON	20	68%	21,811	14,860	7	NE	0	0	1	0	5	3	41
CHESTER	10	67%	7,994	5,356	2	AW	0	0	2	2	5	3	18
CLARE	8	78%	3,629	2,823	4	AW	0	0	1	0	3	3	14
COLCHESTER	16	39%	8,800	3,438	9	FA	0	0	2	0	4	2	25
CUMBERLAND	16	51%	11,940	6,125	8	NE	0	2	4	3	5	4	22
DIGBY	10	46%	2,469	1,135	6	FA	0	0	2	1	3	3	14
GUYSBOROUGH	9	73%	3,602	2,611	3	NE	0	1	1	0	2	4	17
HALIFAX	25	40%	80,550	32,220	6	AW	0	0	2	2	12	10	56
HANTS, EAST	15	48%	4,999	2,417	9	FR	0	3	1	0	6	4	21
HANTS, WEST	9	41%	3,475	1,414	6	FA	0	3	2	0	2	3	12
INVERNESS	14	72%	12,863	9,261	1	NE	0	0	1	0	5	2	34
KINGS	12	27%	14,470	3,868	6	FA	0	0	2	0	4	2	18
LUNENBURG	14	40%	12,031	4,824	5	FA	0	0	3	0	4	3	25
PICTOU	17	60%	15,660	9,427	7	FR	0	1	5	1	3	7	35
QUEENS	12	48%	7,221	3,466	9	FR	0	3	3	0	1	5	16
RICHMOND	11	76%	8,412	6,385	3	NE	0	0	2	1	3	3	21
SHELBURNE	7	59%	3,870	2,296	2	NE	0	0	2	1	2	5	15
ST. MARY'S	8	80%	1,449	1,159	4	FA	0	0	1	1	2	2	12
VICTORIA	12	73%	6,411	4,680	1	NE	0	0	1	0	3	4	23
YARMOUTH	7	50%	3,564	1,776	4	NE	0	0	2	0	1	1	7
Total	294	51%	268,581	137,996	115		0	14	44	13	90	81	519
GRAND TOTAL	620	51%	531,261	272,532	182	-	4	36	96	34	208	163	1,054

NOTE: The warden is selected by council colleagues at least 10 days after the election. Reference in this summary to the warden as "elected","acclaimed" or "re-elected" applies to the councillor eventually selected as warden.

NE: New mayor/warden elected

FR: Former mayor/warden re-elected

AW: New mayor/warden acclaimed

FA: Former mayor/warden acclaimed

NA: Figures not applicable because the exact number of candidates or fewer than the required number of candidates was acclaimed.

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS '88
QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY
TABLE II

District School Board and Participating Units	Total Members	Seats For Elected Members	Number of Members Acclaimed	Vacancies After '88 Nominations	Vacancies of Elected Members Between 85-88	Total Women Elected	Total Candidates
Annapolis							
Annapolis County		4	1	0	0	3	7
Annapolis Royal		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bridgetown		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Middleton		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	12	4	1	0	0	3	7
Antigonish							
Antigonish County		2	1	0	0	2	3
Antigonish Town		1	1	1	0	0	1
Total	9	3	2	1	0	2	4
Cape Breton							
Cape Breton		2	0	0	0	1	9
Dominion/Glace Bay		1	0	0	0	1	3
Louisbourg		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Waterford		1	0	0	0	1	2
Sydney		2	0	0	0	2	8
Total	18	6	0	0	0	5	22
Colchester-East Hants							
Colchester		2	0	0	0	0	3
Hants-East		1	0	0	0	1	2
Stewiacke		1	0	0	0	0	2
Truro		1	0	0	0	1	2
Total	15	5	0	0	0	2	9
Clare-Argyle							
Argyle		2	2	0	0	0	2
Clare		2	2	0	0	2	2
Total	12	4	4	0	0	2	4
Cumberland							
Amherst		1	0	0	0	1	2
Cumberland		2	2	0	0	1	2
Oxford		1	1	0	0	0	1
Parrsboro		1	0	0	0	1	2
Springhill		1	0	0	0	1	4
Total	18	6	3	0	0	4	11
Dartmouth	12	4	0	0	1	2	6
Digby							
Digby District		3	3	0	0	1	3
Digby Town		1	0	0	0	1	2
Total	12	4	3	0	0	2	5

District School Board and Participating Units	Total Members	Seats For Elected Members	Number of Members Acclaimed	Vacancies After '88 Nominations	Vacancies of Elected Members Between 85-88	Total Women Elected	Total Candidates
Guysborough							
Canso		1	1	0	0	1	1
Guysborough		3	3	0	0	2	3
Mulgrave		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
St. Mary's		1	1	0	0	1	1
Total	15	5	5	0	0	4	5
Halifax County-Bedford							
Bedford		1	1	0	0	0	1
Halifax County		4	2	0	0	3	8
Total	15	5	3	0	0	3	9
Halifax City	12	4	1	0	0	2	8
Hants West							
Hants West		3	2	0	0	1	5
Windsor		1	1	0	0	0	1
Total	12	4	3	0	0	1	6
Hantsport	6	2	2	0	0	1	2
Inverness							
Inverness		2	0	0	0	1	5
Port Hawkesbury		1	1	0	0	0	1
Total	9	3	1	0	0	1	6
Kings							
Berwick		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kentville		1	1	0	0	0	1
Kings		3	2	0	0	2	4
Wolfville		1	1	0	0	0	1
Total	15	5	4	0	0	2	6
Lunenburg							
Bridgewater		1	1	0	0	1	1
Chester		1	0	0	0	1	2
Lunenburg District		3	1	0	0	3	5
Lunenburg Town		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mahone Bay		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	15	5	2	0	0	5	8
Northside-Victoria							
Cape Breton		1	0	0	0	0	2
North Sydney		1	0	0	0	0	3
Sydney Mines		1	0	0	0	0	3
Victoria		1	0	0	0	0	3
Total	12	4	0	0	0	0	11

District School Board and Participating Units	Total Members	Seats For Elected Members	Number of Members Acclaimed	Vacancies After '88 Nominations	Vacancies of Elected Members Between 85-88	Total Women Elected	Total Candidates
Pictou							
New Glasgow		1	0	0	0	1	4
Pictou County		2	2	0	0	0	2
Pictou Town		1	1	0	0	1	1
Stellarton		1	0	0	0	0	2
Trenton		1	0	0	0	1	2
Westville		1	1	0	0	1	1
Total	21	7	4	0	0	4	12
Queens							
Liverpool		2	0	0	0	1	4
Queens		2	0	0	0	0	6
Total	12	4	0	0	0	1	10
Richmond	9	3	1	0	1	1	7
Shelburne							
Barrington		1	0	0	0	1	2
Clark's Harbour		2	0	2	0	0	0
Lockeport		1	0	0	1	0	2
Shelburne District		1	0	0	0	1	2
Shelburne Town		1	1	0	0	0	1
Total	18	6	1	2	1	2	7
Yarmouth							
Yarmouth District		2	0	0	0	2	6
Yarmouth Town		2	0	0	0	1	3
Total	12	4	0	0	0	3	9
Grand Total	291	97	40	3	3	52	174

NOTE: NA is for figures are not applicable because of overlapping boundaries. The elected member may come from the town or a part of the surrounding area of the rural municipality. In this case, related data is included in county totals.